

**REMARKS**

Claims 2 and 3 have been examined and are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

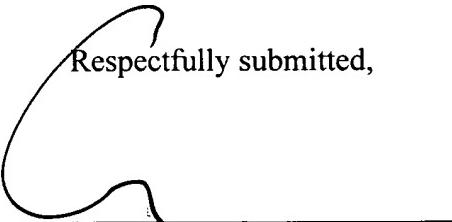
By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 13, 14 and 16-18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer (claim 6 was previously canceled). Further, previously withdrawn claims 7-12 and 15 are canceled.

Allowable claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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